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Mr. storm,

I've just been reading about the "Invenergy facility" in our local paper. Am I reading this correctly? We would be giving up 55 acres of agriculture to install something that is going to substantially change the rural landscape for all residents and passers-by alike? And give up practically all the potential tax benefits to our community and state for that amount of land?? Not to mention the amount of land eaten up by the easements for the pipe that will bring in the natural gas. And all this for something that will be used a total of between one week to one month out of each year? (oh, yes there was something about fuel oil too; so, the pipe line, and the land devoted to it, won't necessarily be used for some of that already short amount of time...how much waste is that?) Is this whole project actually being considered??!??

I also get the impression that Invenergy isn't particularly concerned about the good of the community that it is using for it's gains. Perhaps the EQB should be educating and encouraging more Minnesota farmers to consider becoming involved in less-invasive and cleaner wind power; and keep the proceeds more within our state and communities.

Sincerely,
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